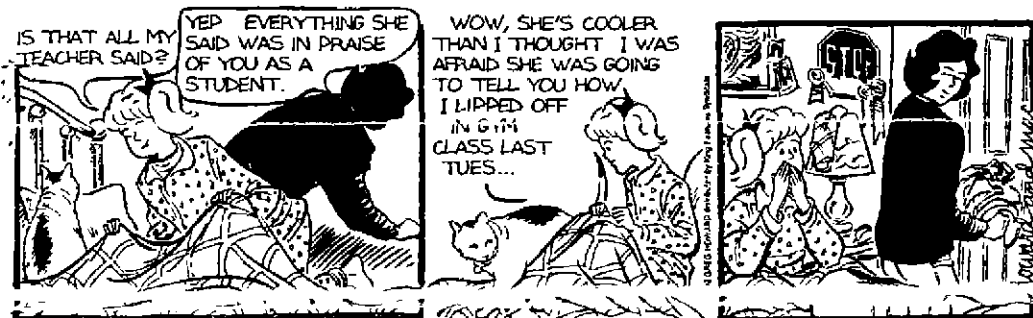


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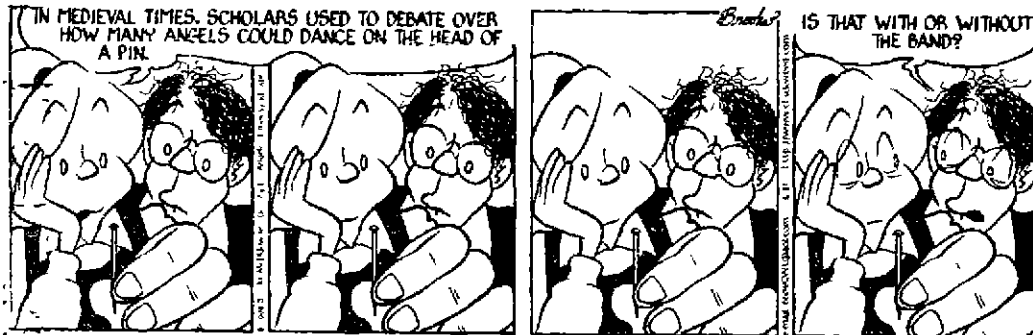
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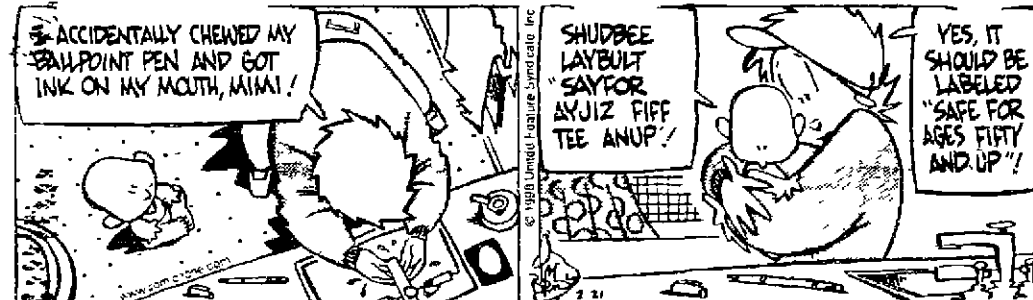
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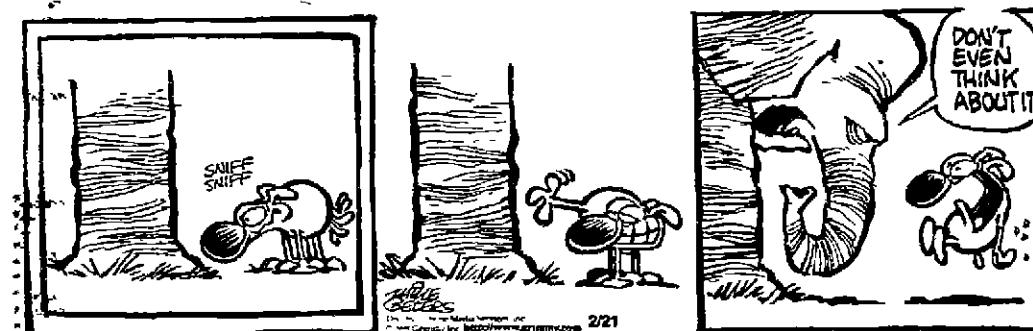
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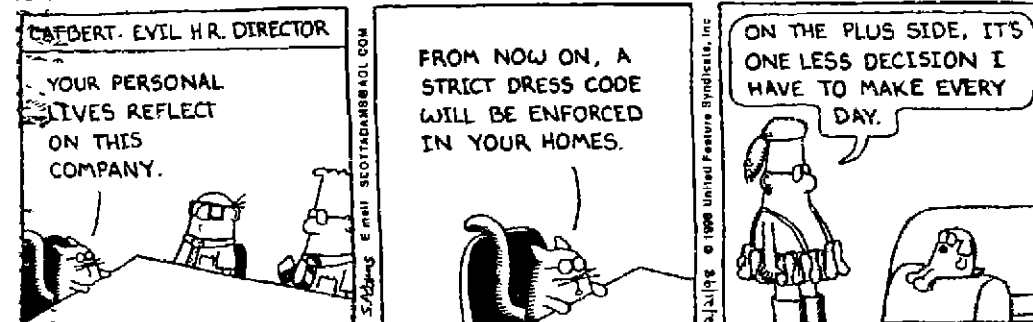
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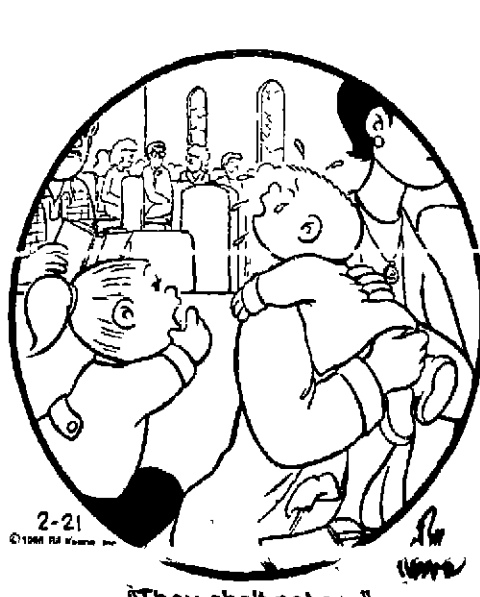
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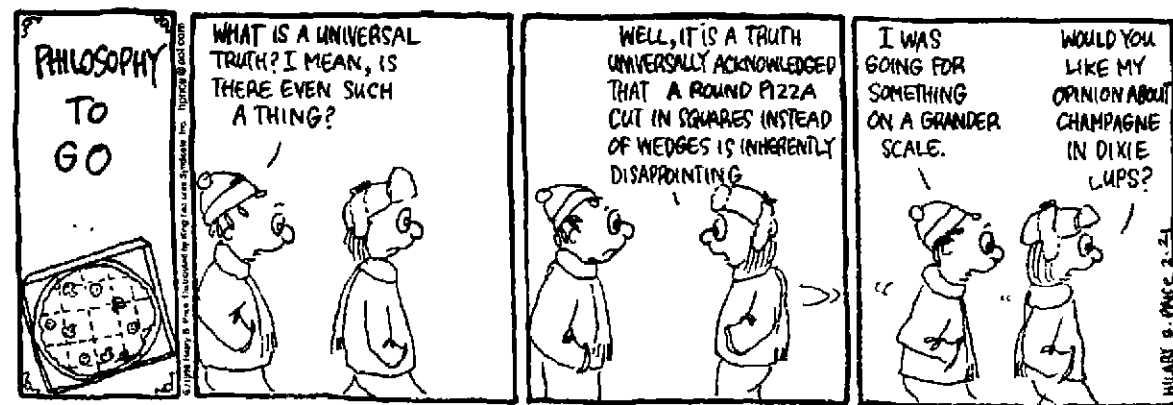
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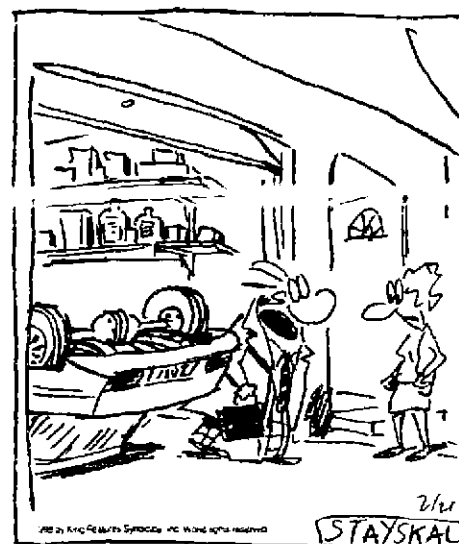
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Fashion designer Hubert de Givenchy is 71. Singer Nina Simone is 65. Actress Rue McClanahan is 62. Actress Tyne Daly is 52. Tricia Nixon Cox is 52. Actor William Petersen is 45. Actor Kelsey Grammer is 43. Country singer Mary Chapin Carpenter is 40. Actor Christopher Atkins is 37. Actor William Baldwin is 35. Rock musician Eric Wilson (Suolime) is 28. Actress Jennifer Love Hewitt ("Party of Five") is 19.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

SCRABBLE game board with letters and words. Words include: HAY, AS, SU, LE, UR, GR, DI, JI, SI, AI, CI, YI, KI, CE, IE, IS, XI. PAR SCORE 180-190. by JUDD. FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN. DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merram-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 2-21-98. © 1998 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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WORD SLEUTH

Getting your attention
X C Y U O N J F C Y V R O L H
E B X U R O L I E N M B Y V S
Q N K H E B Y W T R R O L J G
E T B Y W K U R P N A O K I G
D B H Z X Y C V S Q L O H M K
I M E G A P H O N E A O G E C
S A Y D I B W T N U N S Q P N
L I Y I K L U F E K G C A Y X
V A R U L O D G S A I Q P N M
M K C E H J H E L T S I H W F
E C B S N B Z F R E Z Z U B Y

Friday's unlisted clue: TITANIC
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Saturday's unlisted clue hint: Warning Device In A Police Car
Alarm Cry Knock Shout
Bell Flag Mayday Signal
Bugle Horn Megaphone Whistle
Buzzer Horn Red light
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HOROSCOPE

For Sunday, Feb. 22, 1998
ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Family life takes center stage. Some plan a very special afternoon luncheon.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Think twice about that item you need to purchase. Although it really is a necessity, you still need to be careful and not rush into anything.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're likely to make the grand gesture and include someone you'd normally ignore.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) If you're going to be out of sorts the entire day, try to avoid being with people. You'll only succeed in causing bad feelings.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Don't give in to a carnal temptation. This kind of gratification is very fleeting but leaves lasting consequences.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) A child comes around to your way of thinking. You finally have the right words to make an impression.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Instead of dwelling on a work concern you really can't change, turn to friends and family.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You might think that joke you told was funny, but it was at the expense of someone else. This person doesn't appreciate being your target.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You're more apt to choose quiet activities over raucous ones. A surprise visit has you jumping for joy.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Your concentration is good, and you can focus your energies properly. Take advantage of this and get some work out of the way.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You continue in the role of ballast for that special friend. Later in the day, try to do something for yourself.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) You're inclined to slow down a bit and try to take it easy. Your mate has pointed out your need for it.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff
"You should have led the trump 10 from dummy at trick two," blurted a critical North. "Why?" asked a defensive South. "Did you really expect me to take a first-round finesse?" There was more to North's advice than that. Dummy's diamond queen won, and South led the low trump to his ace to get the bad news. What first seemed to be a "claimer" had suddenly developed complications. How could South pick up East's trump jack? He led the club jack, but West ducked. When South continued with another club, West took his ace and led a second diamond. South tried to cash a club, but it didn't work. East ruffed low to prevent a discard, and South was stymied. If he overruffed and picked up the trump jack, he had to play hearts himself for down one. And if he didn't overruff, he would surrender even sooner. Should South have led the trump 10 from dummy at trick two? Yes, there were sound reasons for this advice, not with the intention of finessing, but to unblock. After dummy's trump 10 goes to South's ace, South leads a low club to dummy's 10 (West must duck.) Now he can lead dummy's low trump and pick up the trumps via a finesse. With the trump problem solved, South leads his club jack and now has the dummy entries to discard his heart 10 on dummy's high club.

NORTH
♠ 10 4
♥ Q 9 6
♦ A Q
♣ K Q 10 6 4 3

WEST EAST
♠ 1 8 3 ♠ J 8 6 3
♥ J 10 9 8 5 4 2 ♥ K 7 5 4 2
♦ A 9 2 ♦ 8 7

SOUTH
♠ A K Q 9 7 5 2
♥ A 10
♦ K 6
♣ J 5

Vulnerable North-South
Dealer: South

The bidding
South West North East
1♠ 3♦ 4♠ Pass
4NT Pass 5♦ Pass
6♠ Pass Pass Pass
"weak"

Opening lead: Diamond jack

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

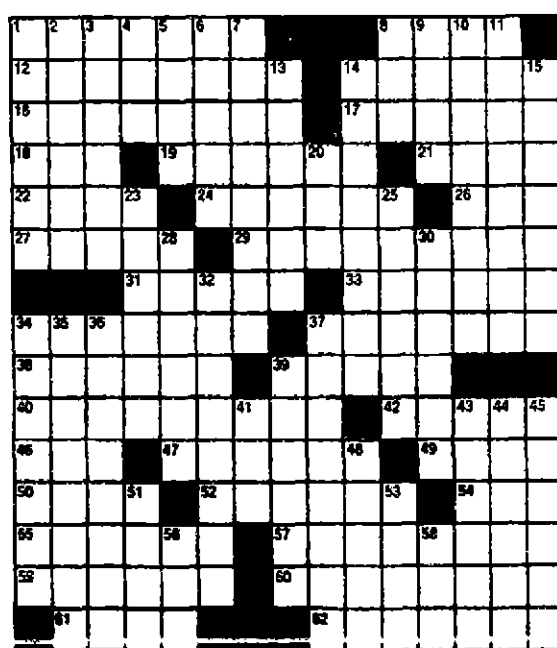
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ACROSS
1 Four-time Emmy winner for "Sesame Street"
8 Geometric solids
12 Anvils, e.g.
14 What many villains come to
16 Where E is a line
17 With vitriol
18 Cambodia's — Noi
19 American Flyer maker
21 Raymond who wrote "Till We Meet Again"
23 It's a reel problem
24 Harry of John O'Hara's "Appointment in Samarra"
25 Messenger —
26 Game supplies
28 Decoration technique
33 Faux pearl
34 Rich cheese
37 Some are holy
38 He played the Thing in "The Thing"
39 Beau
40 Works by Bach
42 Sitting quarters
46 — Hyman award for female athletes
47 "Buenas —" (Spanish greeting)
49 Ward of Mississippi
50 Be held in high esteem
52 Deluxe hotel suite feature
54 Black bird
55 "Twelfth Night" character
57 Cheek
58 To be specific
60 Down Under line
61 Dry
62 Classic movie scorer Max

DOWN
1 Elvis's "I — Bad"
2 Spun fabrics
3 Happening places
4 Its slogan was once "Parade of Stars"
5 Schmidt's successor
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Answers to previous puzzle
OLDASMETHUSELAN
HEIRTOHETHETHRON
MISCALCULATIONS
YAK OHM WICKS
ARK GRAC
LABREA NANKIPOO
ILLINI AMS NERO
MOOSE LTP SARAH
DORIE TIL SPRITE
OPENARMS MAUNEO
STAUB ETC ADE
CHARLOTTERUSSES
WESTERNCLASSICS
YAKETOHETBOTTLE

15 Czars, e.g.
20 "Eldorado" rock grp.
22 Kind of gravy
28 "Old —"
29 Vexes
30 Thick with hair
32 Chuck
33 Lickety-split
37 Common wedding cake trim
39 Sale indicator
41 Push one's hot buttons
43 Highway feature
44 Oregon Trail river
46 Twain hero
48 1978 Camp David visitor
51 Just once
53 Toothy Martha
56 St. Martin, e.g.
59 Year in Edward the Elder's reign

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